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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EC NINE STATEMENT WHICH EXPLAINS WHY THEY COULD NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

QUOTE:

MR. CHAIRMAN

THE DELIBERATIONS OF OUR CONFERENCE HAVE NOW REACHED A STAGE WHERE I, SPEAKING BEHALF OF THE NINE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, HAVE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

WE, THE NINE, HAVE COME TO THIS CONFERENCE IN THE HIGH
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HOPE THAT ITS PROCEEDINGS AND, ABOVE ALL, ITS CONCLUSIONS WOULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMON CAUSE- THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS ONE OF THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF THE SECOND HALF OF OUR CENTURY.

WE WERE ENCOURAGED IN OUR HOPES BY THE FACT THAT WE ALL

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HAD APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 3057, ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAMME OF OUR CONFERENCE. ALL OUR EFFORTS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS CONFERENCE WERE DIRECTED TOWARDS A UNITY OF ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

IT FILLS US WITH DEEP REGRET THAT ALL OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN OF NO AVAIL. THE TEXTS AS THEY ARE NOW BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE AS WELL AS SIMILAR REFERENCES IN THE DRAFT ACTION PROGRAMME CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY US. IT DEVIATES FROM THE PURPOSE OF THE DECADE AS DEFINED IN RESOLUTION 3057.

THE NINE HAVE THEREFORE ASKED ME TO INFORM YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT WE CANNOT ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH THESE TEXTS AND WILL THEREFORE NOT PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OF THIS CONFERENCE.

I REQUEST, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT THIS STATEMENT BE PUT ON RECORD. END QUOTE
VANDEN HEUVEL

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